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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kwh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 750 W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1986-87—																
September	22,984	39.7	10,645	10,674	45,734	42,701	990	575	511	490	28.9	26.8	177	153	October 18	14,652
October		38.3	10,613	10,633	45,784	44,609	562	359	534	491	29.6	25.9	210	164	November 15	14,231
November		37.0	10,104	10,771	39,497	42,465	548	381	516	493	29.4	27.7	185	161	December 13	15,756
December	24,653	32.2	10,346	10,973	38,245	44,372	567	558	479	500	24.0	27.2	169	174	January 10	3,227
January		34.3	10,261	11,040	36,703	45,333	542	541	347	506	6.9	21.2	89	186	February 7	12,812
February		34.1	9,971	11,118	36,042	42,694	473	532	482	493	27.7	29.3	177	180	March 7	15,386
March	24,525	43.3	10,795	10,999	40,745	43,251	531	519	504	489	27.6	25.4	199	194	April 4	16,348
April		34.4	10,407	11,077	41,619	44,933	462	501	487	499	26.0	29.2	158	182	May 2	12,930
May		37.7	11,435	11,083	46,777	43,432	479	470	496	474	31.2	28.6	173	200	May 30	15,548
June	24,608	37.2	11,812	10,973	48,908	43,015	533	506	r468	r463	27.2	25.5	198	207	June 27	15,783
1987-88—																
July		46.3	12,566	10,749	56,709	46,033	552	512	500	466	33.1	26.9	193	170	July 25	14,470
August		47.2	12,075	11,081	52,306	46,105	547	532	479	464	30.3	26.7	187	176	August 22	14,263
September	26,670	40.4	11,226	11,181	49,621	45,830	562	557	504	481	31.2	27.8	209	172	September 19	10,673
October		n.y.a.	11,310	11,441	45,472	44,640	r525	r520	r551	502	31.5	28.4	226	186	October 17	n.y.a.
November		n.y.a.	11,028	11,720	41,687	44,864	475	495	517	499	30.7	28.4	224	195	November 14	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.G.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R.G. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Price index manufac- turing division(s) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)		Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Stock value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87—																
September	3,215	2,924	934	960	15,195	13,924	448.9	199	193	639	488	117,254	79.1	43,118	42,934	
October	3,795	3,398	1,211	997	16,446	13,947	453.3	218	196	765	490	123,101	76.9			
November	3,025	3,013	938	808	14,897	14,137	456.6	195	199	730	492	100,083	76.1			
December	2,389	2,232	715	894	12,087	14,348	458.7	191	207	680	504	65,925	74.5	43,663	43,781	
January	949	2,717	531	871	3,647	11,466	460.8	179	202	619	527	42,377	67.4			
February	3,374	3,523	871	790	17,098	16,738	463.9	192	201	473	535	47,190	74.5			
March	3,270	3,020	984	889	15,366	14,407	466.0	209	201	442	564	54,364	77.0	44,688	44,593	
April	3,866	4,130	1,069	1,069	14,368	15,130	468.4	204	202	367	570	45,210	77.6			
May	3,695	3,025	923	911	15,371	14,761	469.8	202	205	328	564	40,938	74.9			
June	3,341	3,013	915	978	16,334	14,239	471.7	191	196	303	550	34,195	79.9	44,629	44,787	
1987-88—																
July	4,419	3,635	921	863	15,831	13,793	474.1	209	194	349	505	64,276	82.6			
August	3,739	3,344	913	973	16,512	15,460	p478.3	186	198	486	491	101,651	82.7			
September	3,628	3,264	1,107	1,054	14,630	13,388	p480.8	203	189	649	497	r132,239	81.3	46,115	45,938	
October	4,064	3,391	1,028	902	14,661	12,594	n.y.a.	234	r222	797	511	127,267	79.1			
November	3,419	3,500	994	871	14,178	13,267	n.y.a.	214	216	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			

(a) This index is on a "net division" basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1986-87—									
August	2,666	3,084			246		-803	-1,287	12,686
September	3,066	3,449			246		-845	-1,388	12,615
October	2,980	3,134	5,750	5,186	245	158.8	-876	-1,736	13,316
November	2,985	2,603			244		-203	-803	13,146
December	3,315	3,237	6,629	5,353	243	160.3	-499	-1,342	15,561
January	2,833	3,099			244		-67	-821	13,846
February	2,878	3,018			243		-152	-892	12,604
March	3,029	3,058	6,454	5,220	242	161.1	-275	-1,157	13,866
April	2,919	2,897			240		-93	-910	16,787
May	3,150	2,907			243		-91	-838	17,594
June	3,376	3,270	6,568	5,222	243	p158.3			
1987-88—									
July	2,931	3,481			245		-783	-1,406	18,512
August	3,159	2,968			247		-125	-801	19,315
September	3,084	3,396	6,341	5,223	247	n.y.a.	-704	-1,384	19,557
October	3,320	3,300			p252		-319	-1,180	19,858

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics.

(b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (a) \$m

Month	Total			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(b) '000	
	Current prices			Average 1979-80 prices		Trend estimate		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate				
1986-87—											
August	4,434	4,648	4,635			1,440	1,471	442	522	37.4	35.8
September	4,486	4,667	4,659	8,166	8,487	1,430	1,474	507	528	33.2	33.1
October	4,762	4,676	4,676			1,522	1,479	511	534	32.4	31.8
November	4,733	4,673	4,696			1,482	1,485	541	538	28.7	30.5
December	6,440	4,713	4,720	9,454	8,390	1,723	1,496	1,059	541	31.5	30.5
January	4,609	4,755	4,742			1,528	1,510	473	540	27.6	32.6
February	4,232	4,779	4,765			1,427	1,524	391	540	28.2	31.5
March	4,539	4,776	4,792	7,781	8,287	1,501	1,535	463	541	32.0	29.7
April	4,677	4,882	4,868			1,530	1,541	519	545	26.2	27.8
May	4,817	4,769	4,868			1,525	1,543	552	549	29.3	28.4
June	4,609	4,889	4,914	8,134	8,363	1,474	1,544	520	554	32.6	30.6
1987-88—											
July	4,944	5,061	4,960			1,544	1,545	557	558	32.6	30.1
August	4,696	5,003	5,003			1,514	1,549	463	559	29.1	27.9
September	4,857	5,034	5,038	8,242	8,603	1,515	1,553	520	559	34.0	33.1
October	5,149	5,050	5,061			1,611	1,557	545	558	p31.8	p32.3

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1986-87—														
July				221.9										
August	437.20	282.90	418.90	221.9	1.16	157.0	153.5	146.1	160.5	156.9	164.4	174.9	143.3	137.0
September				221.9										
October				221.9										
November	446.30	287.60	427.20	221.9	1.29	161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1
December				221.9										
January				222.0										
February	445.30	291.10	429.90	222.0	1.19	164.7	157.7	153.1	166.2	162.1	176.8	185.2	158.7	143.8
March				228.8										
April				228.8										
May	451.70	299.00	436.50	228.9	1.23	167.2	157.9	157.8	169.4	165.6	178.4	189.7	162.0	146.0
June				228.9										
1987-88—														
July				228.9										
August	458.10	302.30	446.00	229.1	1.22	170.0	160.2	159.1	172.3	168.8	181.9	192.6	163.7	148.7
September				229.2										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes(a)		Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1970-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87—															
August	1,457.1	1,393.5	9.9	9.9	324.7					103.2	176.5				
September	1,288.1	1,273.5	10.4	10.0	181.5	4,914.5	4,714.0	31.1	29.8	104.1	177.9	1,761	1,771	3,180	3,205
October	1,421.9	1,343.1	10.8	10.0	210.8					105.1	178.8				
November	1,376.9	1,350.6	10.1	10.0	367.6					105.3	179.4				
December	1,404.1	1,394.8	9.9	10.2	291.3	4,074.4	4,040.8	30.3	29.8	105.5	179.9	1,953	1,703	4,052	3,843
January	1,124.5	1,446.8	7.8	9.9	238.0					105.8	180.7				
February	1,154.0	1,351.7	9.2	10.0	194.7					106.4	182.1				
March	1,512.6	1,418.6	10.3	9.8	274.7	4,085.4	4,505.3	27.0	29.4	107.1	183.6	1,541	1,797	3,007	3,484
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.2	9.5	240.7					107.9	184.8				
May	1,429.5	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					108.0	185.2				
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	4,433.9	4,253.7	27.7	27.1	p108.4	186.9	1,821	1,823	3,786	3,488
1987-88—															
July	1,603.6	1,557.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					p108.9	p187.7				
August	1,846.7	1,738.0	10.5	10.4	181.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p109.8	p188.9	p1,980	p1,979	p3,458	p3,497
September	1,615.2	1,613.6	11.6	11.0	226.4					p110.2	p189.8				
October	1,818.7	1,786.7	12.1	11.5	228.0					n.y.a.	191.7				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) This series is not directly comparable with those previously published.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Permanent building societies lenders (d)				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m		
1986-87—											
September	43,931	44,083	43,466	43,846	41,998	42,345	742	177	68	15.15	5,025
October	44,122	44,204	44,293	44,452	43,256	42,942	914	193	73	14.30	4,990
November	44,395	44,575	43,653	44,260	42,776	42,867	816	164	67	14.25	6,293
December	45,681	45,040	44,511	44,204	43,555	43,422	900	153	66	14.05	5,481
January	45,669	45,334	45,098	45,051	43,917	44,175	679	133	57	14.70	5,847
February	45,914	45,087	45,240	44,827	43,637	44,278	871	167	69	15.05	5,943
March	47,671	47,511	46,595	45,905	44,404	44,561	907	162	76	14.10	7,064
April	48,953	49,919	46,701	45,866	45,571	44,758	931	167	75	13.85	10,748
May	50,607	51,157	46,411	46,469	45,692	45,326	844	169	73	13.25	7,400
June	52,480	52,317	46,207	46,352	45,372	45,478	859	192	69	13.00	7,687
1987-88—											
July	53,640	54,046	46,598	46,881	45,601	45,371	1,004	191	76	12.85	5,929
August	54,244	54,333	45,902	46,674	45,217	45,429	908	217	67	12.60	6,877
September	55,015	55,223	45,865	46,271	45,953	46,343	1,220	258	76	11.80	5,199
October	55,334	55,430	46,926	47,148	46,905	46,583	1,155	326	80	13.00	n.y.a.
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	47,571	48,227	46,985	47,094	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(*\$ million*)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1985-86— June	59,278	61,605	1,195	2,236	58,083	59,369	36,242	36,724	12,330	11,674	9,983	9,580	5,385	4,338
1986-87— September	62,715	62,845	1,830	2,294	60,885	60,551	37,662	37,828	11,619	12,010	9,990	10,033	4,361	4,878
December	70,506	65,325	4,158	2,471	66,348	62,854	40,814	38,655	12,421	12,015	11,244	10,562	4,798	4,757
March	64,012	67,129	2,093	2,560	61,919	64,569	38,025	39,482	11,579	12,273	9,402	10,485	3,996	4,692
June	67,655	70,055	1,653	2,623	66,000	67,432	39,798	40,379	13,474	12,755	11,099	10,666	5,902	4,794
1987-88— September	72,261	71,588	2,557	2,785	69,704	68,803	41,690	41,938	12,478	12,887	11,151	11,193	4,314	4,818
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1985-86— June	34,838	36,275	1,408	2,136	33,430	34,139	21,121	21,381	7,210	6,809	5,639	5,400	2,989	2,409
1986-87— September	36,040	36,368	1,622	2,103	34,418	34,265	21,296	21,413	6,480	6,726	5,471	5,494	2,329	2,607
December	40,857	37,122	3,779	2,224	37,078	34,898	22,572	21,317	6,923	6,663	5,983	5,629	2,515	2,491
March	35,463	37,497	1,861	2,238	33,602	35,259	20,456	21,304	6,342	6,752	4,902	5,458	2,090	2,453
June	36,598	38,058	1,470	2,198	35,128	35,860	21,131	21,429	7,370	6,958	5,712	5,480	3,034	2,466
1987-88— September	38,286	38,250	1,769	2,139	36,517	36,111	21,691	21,837	6,609	6,855	5,614	5,641	2,182	2,436
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1985-86— June	10,984	11,049	9,126	8,965	31,304	31,093	7,404	7,877	13,802	15,928	31,309	51,585	14,102	37,483
1986-87— September	12,264	11,546	9,735	9,704	31,722	32,078	8,074	7,787	16,109	15,958	31,734	51,226	8,970	42,256
December	12,042	12,105	11,904	11,593	34,171	32,406	9,923	8,959	19,072	16,270	34,160	57,890	8,950	48,940
March	11,298	11,905	10,580	11,000	31,266	32,872	8,370	9,074	16,224	17,407	31,251	51,155	10,711	40,444
June	11,684	11,755	11,255	11,604	34,246	33,995	8,972	9,564	16,241	18,513	34,241	56,771	15,762	41,009
1987-88— September	12,611	11,880	10,999	10,993	34,810	34,748	9,972	9,631	19,334	18,716	34,810	57,075	9,601	47,474

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fine and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(d)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate(b) (per cent)		Participation rate(b) (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total						
	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	
1986—													
September	5,666.9	5,642.4	7,007.6	6,965.7	517.6	525.3	631.6	630.5	8.3	8.3	62.4	62.0	
October	5,661.9	5,667.5	7,000.3	6,984.0	485.9	529.1	590.1	639.3	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.1	
November	5,647.6	5,648.4	7,006.9	6,966.4	489.1	531.8	583.3	636.7	7.7	8.4	61.7	61.8	51.9
December	5,724.0	5,633.9	7,092.0	7,014.8	545.7	538.4	655.5	644.5	8.5	8.4	62.9	62.1	
1987—													
January	5,648.8	5,658.6	6,878.3	7,020.4	575.0	529.3	671.4	638.3	8.9	8.3	61.1	62.0	
February	5,681.0	5,671.4	6,998.2	7,041.4	581.1	518.9	699.6	631.9	9.1	8.2	62.2	62.0	62.7
March	5,706.2	5,681.7	7,109.1	7,060.2	562.4	533.5	702.5	650.6	9.0	8.4	63.0	62.2	
April	5,687.5	5,708.3	7,087.7	7,084.6	530.8	529.5	652.1	640.8	8.4	8.3	62.3	62.2	53.8
May	5,680.2	5,695.4	7,084.0	7,077.6	530.6	533.7	635.0	634.0	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0	
June	5,690.8	5,717.0	7,111.2	7,116.6	506.2	518.5	603.6	618.7	7.8	8.0	61.9	62.1	
July	5,771.9	5,764.8	7,157.8	7,145.5	510.9	535.9	610.2	644.5	7.9	8.1	62.4	62.1	56.2
August	5,656.3	5,713.6	7,073.2	7,121.4	408.4	508.6	601.9	629.5	7.8	8.1	62.2	62.4	
September	5,734.4	5,710.1	7,165.8	7,122.3	489.6	496.2	598.2	596.3	7.7	7.7	62.0	61.6	
October	5,751.0	5,756.4	7,156.1	7,138.8	475.6	517.8	585.2	634.7	7.6	8.2	61.7	62.0	
November	5,705.6	5,704.7	7,159.9	7,114.7	469.6	510.7	566.5	618.5	7.3	8.0	61.5	61.5	n.y.i.

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates prior to April 1986 are based on the old definition. See paragraphs 37 and 38 of the Explanatory Notes of *The Labour Force, Australia, January 1987* (6203.0). (c) Revised following annual reanalysis. (d) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
('000 persons)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Australia					Total Govt. and Private
										Government				Total	
										Commonwealth	State(b)	Local			
1986—															
April	1,912.5	1,568.0	813.3	470.6	592.7	147.2	57.5	117.3	3,848.7	438.6	1,143.2	155.5	1,737.3	5,585.9	
May	1,906.3	1,569.9	815.1	468.3	504.6	147.1	58.9	117.1	3,860.0	442.4	1,126.0	155.8	1,724.2	5,584.2	
June	1,929.9	1,581.4	819.5	470.5	509.9	148.8	60.0	118.5	3,848.1	482.1	1,148.2	157.1	1,787.4	5,635.5	
July	1,940.4	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	480.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,626.9	
August	1,928.3	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8	
September	1,930.3	1,567.5	805.5	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.7	1,154.3	157.2	1,751.1	5,601.5	
October	1,946.5	1,566.9	804.0	483.0	515.4	149.0	56.8	121.3	3,889.4	438.7	1,158.5	156.3	1,753.3	5,643.0	
November	1,962.3	1,573.3	805.2	485.1	520.0	151.1	55.5	120.8	3,925.1	438.8	1,153.3	156.1	1,748.2	5,673.3	
December	1,959.4	1,579.1	803.0	484.1	521.5	151.5	55.0	120.3	3,948.2	440.1	1,130.1	155.3	1,725.5	5,673.8	
1987—															
January	1,917.5	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,871.3	440.2	1,084.0	152.0	1,676.2	5,547.4	
February	1,953.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.8	55.1	120.8	3,946.6	441.0	1,117.4	154.8	1,713.2	5,633.8	
March	1,960.7	1,579.7	808.9	477.2	524.3	152.4	54.7	121.6	3,941.2	442.4	1,140.9	155.1	1,738.4	5,679.6	
April	1,979.8	1,589.5	817.6	479.3	522.5	154.7	55.4	122.1	3,978.1	441.7	1,147.5	153.6	1,742.8	5,720.9	
May	1,989.6	1,604.0	822.4	480.0	525.1	155.9	56.0	123.4	4,002.7	442.1	1,156.3	155.3	1,753.7	5,756.4	
June	1,991.7	1,596.7	822.2	480.2	525.3	154.2	56.8	122.7	3,988.6	442.5	1,162.2	156.6	1,761.3	5,749.9	

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employees is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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